

SENATE BILL 849

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By: **Senator Harrington**

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Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Procurement – Minority Business Enterprise Directory – List of Contracts**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the certification agency designated to certify a minority
4 business enterprise to include in a certain directory certain information on all
5 procurement contracts awarded by the State to minority business enterprises;
6 and generally relating to certified minority business enterprises and State
7 procurement contracts.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article – State Finance and Procurement
10 Section 14–304(a)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2009 Replacement Volume)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
14 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article – State Finance and Procurement**

16 14–304.

17 (a) (1) The certification agency shall develop and maintain a directory of
18 all certified minority business enterprises.

19 (2) The directory shall be accessible to the public through the Internet.

20 (3) For each minority business enterprise included in the directory,
21 the certification agency shall include the following information:

22 (i) all contract information available to the certification agency
23 for the minority business enterprise;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (ii) the certification number and minority status of the minority
2 business enterprise;

3 **(III) A LIST OF ALL PROCUREMENT CONTRACTS AWARDED BY**
4 **THE STATE TO THE MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE, INCLUDING A**
5 **DESCRIPTION OF THE CONTRACT AND THE AMOUNT OF THE AWARD;**

6 [(iii)] **(IV)** contact information for up to three professional
7 references for the minority business enterprise; and

8 [(iv)] **(V)** any other information the certification agency
9 considers necessary or appropriate to encourage participation in the procurement
10 process by minority business enterprises.

11 (4) The certification agency shall:

12 (i) update the directory at least monthly;

13 (ii) identify as recently certified in the directory each minority
14 business enterprise that has obtained certification during the calendar year; and

15 (iii) include in the directory a list of all minority business
16 enterprises that have become ineligible to participate in the Minority Business
17 Enterprise Program because:

18 1. one or more of its owners has a personal net worth
19 that exceeds the amount specified in § 14-301(i)(3) of this subtitle; or

20 2. the minority business enterprise no longer meets the
21 standards developed under § 14-303(b)(12) of this subtitle.

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
23 October 1, 2010.